Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4883-S4956

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1741 and 1742. Page S4937

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

- S. 1014, to improve the management of royalties from Federal and Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–260)
- S. 1425, to recognize the validity of rights-of-way granted under section 2477 of the Revised Statutes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–261)
- S. 1627, to designate the visitor center at Jean Lafitte National Historical Park in New Orleans, Louisiana as the "Laura C. Hudson Visitor Center." (S. Rept. No. 104–262)
- S.J. Res. 42, A joint resolution designating the Civil War Center at Louisiana State University as the United States Civil War Center, making the center the flagship institution for planning the sesquicentennial commemoration of the Civil War, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–263)

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Measures Passed:

Megan's Law: Senate passed H.R. 2137, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to require the release of relevant information to protect the public from sexually violent offenders, clearing the measure for the President.

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White House Travel Office/Former Employees: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2937, for the reimbursement of legal expenses and related fees incurred by former employees of the White House Travel Office with respect to the termination of their employment in that office on May 19, 1993, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

(1) Dole Amendment No. 3952, in the nature of a substitute. Page S4890

- (2) Dole Amendment No. 3953 (to Amendment No. 3952), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States.

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- (3) Dole Amendment No. 3954 (to Amendment No. 3953), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States.

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- (4) Dole motion to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith.

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- (5) Dole Amendment No. 3955 (to the instructions to the motion to refer), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States.

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- (6) Dole Amendment No. 3961 (to Amendment No. 3955), to provide for the repeal of the 4.3 cent increase in fuel tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. Pages \$4921-26

Withdrawn:

Dole Amendment No. 3960 (to Amendment No. 3955), to provide for the repeal of the 4.3 cent increase in fuel tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, to clarify that an employer may establish and participate in worker-management cooperative organizations to address matters of mutual interest to employers and employees, and to provide for an increase in the minimum wage rate.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate

took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 111), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on Amendment No. 3960, listed above.

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The motion to waive Titles III and IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Amendment No. 3960, listed above, became moot when Amendment No. 3960 was withdrawn.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 3961, listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, May 14, 1996. Pages \$4921-22

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Monday, May 13, 1996.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard A. Lazzara, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Margaret M. Morrow, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general. 32 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Marine Corps and Foreign Service. Pages \$4954-56

Communications: Pages \$4936-37

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Additional Cosponsors: Page S4940

Amendments Submitted: Pages \$4940-47

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Authority for Committees: Page S4947

Additional Statements: Pages \$4947-52

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—111) Pages \$4920-21

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, May 13, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S4952–53.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—INS/BUREAU OF PRISONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Kathleen M. Hawk, Director, Bureau of Prisons, and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, both of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, May 14.

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of

Labor, receiving testimony from Robert B. Reich, Secretary of Labor.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 15.

APPROPRIATIONS—FTA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Federal Transit Administration, receiving testimony from Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 16.

1997 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government.

GASOLINE PRICE INCREASES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine recent supply shortfalls in crude oil and gasoline, their price impacts, the Administration's response, and long-term efforts to reduce future supply disruptions and price increases, after receiving testimony from Hazel R. O'Leary, Secretary of Energy; James R. Schlesinger, former Secretary of Energy; John H. Lichtblau, Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, Inc., New York, New York; Lew Blackwell, Chevron Products Co., San Francisco, California; Thomas L. Robinson, Robinson Oil Company, Inc., San Jose, California, representing the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America and the Petroleum Marketers Association of America; Robert S. Beadle, Diamond Shamrock, Inc., San Antonio, Texas; and Charles T. Walz, Texaco Refining and Marketing, Inc., Universal City, California.

IRS MODERNIZATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine the status of the modernization of the Internal Revenue Service tax information system, receiving testimony from Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, and Rona Stillman, Chief Scientist, Office of Computers and Telecommunications, Accounting and Information Management Division, both of the General Accounting Office; and Michael P. Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, Judy Van Alfen, Associate Commissioner for Modernization, and Jim Donelson, Chief Taxpayer Service and Acting Chief Compliance Officer, all of

the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William A. Fletcher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Walker D. Miller, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Nina Gershon, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Edmund A. Sargus, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, W. Craig Broadwater, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Dean D. Pregerson, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, after receiving testimony from Senator Dodd, Chairman, U.S. Commission on Family and Medical Leave; Geri D. Palast, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs; Libby Sartain, Southwest Airlines, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management; Cynthia Graham, Southern States Utilities, Apopka, Florida; and Elizabeth M. Carlson and Joseph Tully, both of National Futures Association, Chicago, Illinois.

FLORIDA INDIAN GAMING DECISION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of the United States Supreme Court decision in Seminole Tribe of Florida v. Florida, 116 S. Ct. 1114 (1996), on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, after receiving testimony from Seth P. Waxman, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; John D. Leshy, Solicitor, and John Duffy, Counselor to the Secretary, both of the Department of the Interior; Wisconsin State Attorney General James E. Doyle, Madison; California State Special Assistant Attorney General Thomas F. Gede, Sacramento; Alex Tallchief Skibine, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City; Richard B. Collins, University of Colorado School of Boulder; and Franklin Ducheneaux, Law, Ducheneaux, Taylor & Associates, Douglas B.L. Endreson, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse & Endreson, and Jerry C. Straus, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, all of Washington, D.C.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Patsy Thomasson, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel, The White House; and J. Wesley Strange, First Ozark National Bank/Mercantile Bank of North Central Arkansas, Edward Penick, and Margaret Davenport Eldridge, all of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3422–3432; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 173–174, and H. Res. 429 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2604, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, amended (H. Rept. 104–569); and

H. Res. 430, providing for consideration of H.R. 3230, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1997 (H. Rept. 104–570).

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Committees To Sit: By a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 155, agreed to the Armey motion that all committees and subcommittees be permitted to sit today and the remainder of the week during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule.

Pages H4660-62

Housing Act: By a recorded vote of 315 ayes to 107 noes, Roll No. 161, the House passed H.R. 2406, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs.

Pages H4662–H4738

On demand for a separate vote, agreed to the Maloney amendment that allows elderly and disabled

residents living in federally-assisted housing be allowed to keep a common household pet (agreed to by a recorded vote of 375 ayes to 48 noes, Roll No. 159). This amendment was agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by a voice vote on Wednesday, May 8.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended. Pages H4733–34

Rejected the Kennedy of Massachusetts motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that specifies that the amount paid for monthly rent may not exceed thirty percent of the family's adjusted monthly income for any family who has an annual income of which not less than fifty percent is earned income (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 160).

Agreed To:

The Hinchey en bloc amendment that limits to thirty percent of income the maximum rent that an elderly or disabled family could be required to pay for public housing;

Pages H4676–78

The Kennedy of Massachusetts en bloc amendment that limits to thirty percent of income the maximum rent that veterans could be required to pay for public or housing;

Pages H4678–79

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment, as modified, that requires forty percent of rental assistance vouchers be reserved for families with incomes at or below thirty percent of median income; and for units made available for occupancy, not less than thirty-five percent shall be occupied by families whose incomes do not exceed thirty percent of median income;

Pages H4679–83

The Vento amendment, as modified, that extends authorization for the Community Partnerships Against Crime Act through 1998; Pages H4683–85

The Sanders amendment that increases the level of administrative fees to local housing authorities administering the rental assistance program; and establishes a two-tiered payment schedule that gives local authorities 7.65 percent of the base grant amount for the first 600 units and seven percent for all units in excess of 600 units;

Pages H4693–94

The Traficant amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available in the bill should be American made;

Page H4695

The Filner amendment that permits the use of rental assistance for the rental of manufactured housing or the property on which such housing is situated, such as mobile homes, in which case the rental will be provided directly to the family living on the site, not the property owner;

Pages H4695–96

The Waters amendment, as modified, that limits to fifty percent the amount an eligible public entity may use to make loan guarantees for economic development under the Community Development Block Grant loan guarantee program that could be used for housing purposes;

Pages H4702-04

The Cardin amendment that directs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to consult with local authorities in negotiating any settlement of litigation regarding public housing or rental assistance;

Pages H4710–11

The Hayworth amendment, as amended by the Young of Alaska and the Bereuter amendments, that adds a new title consisting of the text of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act; establishes a block grant to be administered by Indian tribes to provide housing assistance on Indian reservations; conforms provisions to the Davis-Bacon Act as it relates to public housing; and specifies provisions relating to loan guarantees and authorities to use appropriated funds; and

Pages H4712-24

The Roemer amendment that establishes a national manufactured housing construction and safety standards consensus committee to develop Federal standards for the construction of manufactured homes.

Pages H4724–31

Rejected:

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment, as modified, that sought to limit to 30 percent of income any family's rent for public or assisted housing (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 156).

Pages H4662-76

The McIntosh amendment to the agreed-to Roemer amendment that sought to establish a manufactured housing construction and safety standards consensus committee, to include provisions that require certain competitive bidding procedures; and to subject the expenditure of inspection fees to be addressed through the annual appropriations process;

Pages H4726-31

The Velázquez en bloc amendment that sought to require that the minimum tenant rent contribution for public housing may not exceed \$25 per month; and Pages H4685–89, H4731–32

The Durbin amendment, as modified, that sought to prohibit the illegal possession or discharge of firearms in public housing zones except in cases of self-defense.

Pages H4704-07, H4732

A point of order was sustained against the Ney amendment that sought to add a new section to allow eligibility of communities in Federal flood insurance programs despite the presence of mobile homes in those communities which are located in areas of flood risk.

Pages H4707-09

Withdrawn:

The following amendments were offered, but subsequently withdrawn:

The Watts of Oklahoma substitute amendment to the agreed-to Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to limit to 30 percent of income the maximum rent that any elderly or disabled family could be required to pay for public housing;

Pages H4669-71

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that sought to require HUD to set aside \$195 million of tenant-based rental assistance to homeless families with children of families participating in programs related to welfare initiatives;

Pages H4694–95

The Clerk was authorized to correct section members, references, punctuation, and indentation, and to make any other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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Subsequently, S. 1260, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu, after being amended to contain the language of the House bill as passed. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill. H.R. 2406 was laid on the table.

House then insisted on its amendments to S. 1260 and asked a conference. appointed as conferees; Representatives Leach, Lazio, Bereuter, Baker of Louisiana, Castle, Gonzalez, Vento, and Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Pages H4738–53

Presidio Properties: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayers; and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Young of Alaska, Hansen, Allard, Hayworth, Cubin, Miller of California, Richardson, and Vento.

Pages H4755–56

Adoption of Minority Children: It was made in order that, during the consideration of H.R. 3286, to help families defray adoption cost, and to promote the adoption of minority children, pursuant to H. Res. 428, notwithstanding the order of the previous question, it may be in order immediately after initial debate on the bill, as amended, for the Chair to postpone further consideration of the bill until the following legislative day, on which consideration may resume at a time designated by the Speaker.

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Product Liability: By a yea-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 162, the House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation (two-thirds of those present not voting to override).

Subsequently, the message and the bill were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pages H4756-64

Government Civilian Science Activities: House agreed to H. Res. 427, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3322, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for civilian science activities of the Federal Government.

Pages H4764–66

Adoption of Minority Children: House completed all general debate on H.R. 3286, to help families defray adoption costs, and to promote the adoption of minority children. Consideration of amendments will begin on Friday, May 10.

Pages H4775–85

H. Res. 428, providing for the consideration of the bill, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H4766-75

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4754.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4661–62, H4675–76, H4731–32, H4732, H4734, H4736–37, H4737–38, and H4764. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND THE JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary held a hearing on the Secretary of Commerce, the SEC, and the Department of State Under Secretary for Management. Testimony was heard from Michael Kantor, Acting Secretary of Commerce; Richard M. Moose, Under Secretary, Management, Department of State; and Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on D.C. Finances. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony A. Williams, Chief Financial Officer; and Angela L. Avant, Inspector General; and a public witness.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Howard University the Special Institutions for the Disabled, and on the Secretary of Education. Testimony was heard from H. Patrick

Swygert, President, Howard University; and the following officials of the Department of Education: Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Tuck Tinsley, III, President, American Printing House for the Blind; James D. DeCaro, Dean and Interim Director, National Technical Institute for the Deaf; I. King Jordan, President, Gallaudet University; and Richard W. Riley, Secretary.

VETERANS AFFAIRS—HUD— INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Began markup of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 1997.

OVERSIGHT—INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRADE ISSUES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials held an oversight hearing on International Telecommunications Trade Issues. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, FCC; and public witnesses.

IN THE MATTER OF THE WHITE HOUSE TRAVEL OFFICE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported, by a vote of 27 ayes to 19 nays, a resolution concerning proceedings against John M. Quinn, David Watkins and Matthew Moore, pursuant to Title 2, U.S. Code, Sections 192 and 194.

OVERSIGHT—AID

Committee on International Relations: Held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Rush, Jr., Inspector General, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE: AFGHANISTAN

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 154, to congratulate the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of its first Presidential democratic election.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Afghanistan: Peace or Civil War? Testimony was heard

from Robin L. Raphel, Assistant Secretary, South Asian Affairs, Department of State; John L. Moore, Defense Intelligence Officer, Mid-East/South Asia and Terrorism, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing regarding economic espionage. Testimony was heard from Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

RECOVERY OF MINERALS—DOMESTIC TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 3249, to authorize appropriations for a mining institute to develop domestic technological capabilities for the recovery of minerals from the nation's seabed. Testimony was heard from Representative Wicker; Tom Kitsos, Director, Office of International Activities and Marine Minerals, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2908, Domesticated Salmonid Broodstock and Seedstock Act of 1996; H.R. 2939, Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Agreement Act of 1996; and H.R. 1112, to transfer management of the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge to the State of Oklahoma. Testimony was heard from Representatives Brewster, Hastings of Washington and Gunderson; the following officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior: Nancy Kaufman, Regional Director; and Gary Edwards, Assistant Director for Fisheries; Don Luchsinger, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; Greg D. Duffy, Director, Department of Wildlife Conservation, State of Oklahoma; Gary Myers, Director, Wildlife Resources Agency, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2636, to transfer jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal real property located in the District of Columbia; and H.R. 3006, to provide for disposal of public lands in support of the Manzanar Historic Site in the State of California. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of California and Matsui; Denis Galvin, Associate Director, Planning Professional Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 3230, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 providing two hours of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration. The rule makes in order the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and all points of order are waived against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules and the amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides that, except as specified in section 4 of the resolution, amendments will be considered only in the order and manner specified in the report. Except as otherwise provided in the report, amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes divided between the proponent and an opponent. Amendments shall be considered as read and are not amendable (except pro forma amendments offered by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security). The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report or those described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides for an extra 40 minutes of debate on Cooperative Threat Reduction with the former Soviet Union (part A). The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee on National Security or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments in part B of the report or germane modifications thereto, which shall be considered as read except that modifications shall be reported, shall be debatable for 20 minutes divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security or their designees and which shall not be subject to amendment or demand for a division of the question. The rule provides that, for the purpose of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the en bloc amendments.

The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes on any amendment and to reduce to 5 minutes the time for voting after the first of a series of votes provided that the first vote is not less than 15 minutes. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole is permitted to recog-

nize for consideration of any amendment printed in the report out of the order in which printed, but not sooner than one hour after the Chairman of the Committee on National Security or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representatives Dornan, Hefley, Saxton, Torkildsen, Watts of Oklahoma, Scarborough, Longley, Hastings of Washington, Smith of New Jersey, Bilirakis, Kolbe, Shays, Upton, Stearns, Klug, Hoke, Horn, Mica, Chenoweth, Foley, Martini, Neumann, Bunn of Oregon, Dellums, Skelton, Spratt, Pickett, Evans, Taylor of Mississippi, Harman, McHale, Peterson of Florida, DeLauro, Rose, Oberstar, Miller of California, Markey, Frank of Massachusetts, Traficant, Moran, Waters, Farr, Velázquez, McKinney, Luther, Jackson-Lee of Texas and Furse.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; PENDING SURVEY RESOLUTIONS AND PROSPECTUSES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 3029, to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse"; H.R. 3134, to designate the U.S. Courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3d Avenue, Portland, OR, as the "Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse"; H. Con. Res. 153, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; and H.R. 3159, amended, National Transportation Safety Board Amendments of 1996.

The Committee also approved the following: 10 courthouse construction resolutions; 2 nonconstruction resolutions; and 20 water resource survey resolutions.

COAST GUARD MISSIONS'

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Coast Guard Missions' Review Acquisitions, Research and Development, and Domestic and International Icebreaking. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation: Capt. Fred Squires, USCG, Deputy Chief, Office of Acquisition; RAdm. Edward J. Barrett, USCG, Chief, Systems Directorate; and RAdm. Rudy K. Perschel, USCG, Chief, Office of Navigation Safety; and public witnesses.

REPEAL FUEL TAX INCREASE

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported H.R. 3415, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

to repeal the 4.3 cent increase in the transportation motor fuels excise tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 3161, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Romania; and a measure to make technical amendments in trade laws.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3237, Intelligence Community Act.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 1317, to repeal the Public Utility

Holding Act of 1935 and transfer certain regulatory functions from the Securities and Exchange Commission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Public Service Commissions of various States, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 704, to establish the Gambling Impact Study Commission, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Commission, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Small Business, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to Small Business Investment Company reform, 9:30 a.m., SR–428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 9 a.m., H–143 Capitol.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, oversight hearing on the GSA, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on Food Safety: Oversight of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 12 Noon, Monday, May 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10 a.m., Friday, May 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of certain Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2937, relating to the White House Travel Office/Former Employees.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 3286, the Adoption Promotion and Stability Act of 1996; and

Consideration of H.R. 3230, the National Defense Authorization Act (rule).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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